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Prevent Glucocorticoid-Induced Bone Destruction  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application, filed on December 8, 2003, on behalf of the inventors Manolagas et al., please amend the application as shown below and consider the appended remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.